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Speaker Bass and Assemblymember Furutani Call for End to Budget Blockade

Republicans Need to be Realistic about State Needs

(Carson, CA)— Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, (D-Los Angeles) and Assemblymember Warren Furutani, (D-Gardena) will host a community town hall to urge the Governor to get legislative Republicans to end their blockade of the state budget. The town hall, to be held at CSU Dominguez Hills, will also feature local officials and representatives from groups that would be affected if services continue to be cut.

"Democrats, the Governor and even many Republicans know that we can't solve the state's budget problems without creative, realistic, and compassionate solutions," said Speaker Bass. "We've already cut more than \$12 billion in the last three budgets. We just can't cut any more and still be the kind of California anyone would hope to live in."

"This budget is fair to all Californians, it is fiscally sound, and it is the only realistic way to ensure that we can meet all the state's needs," said Assemblymember Furutani.

Speaker Bass and Assemblymember Furutani will take questions from attendees and provide highlights from the budget awaiting a vote on the Assembly floor.

WHO: Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, (D-Los Angeles)

Assemblymember Warren Furutani, (D-Gardena)

WHAT: Town Hall to Urge Budget Passage

WHERE: California State University Dominguez Hills

Loker Student Union—Grand Ballroom

1000 E. Victoria Street Carson, CA 90747

WHEN: Tuesday, July 29, 2008

6 p.m.

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